

## David Mead

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**From:** Anne Honhart <ahonhart@atlaswelding.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:06 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Testimony on SB 1350 -adding Gray wolves to the game list - House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee, Dec. 4, 2012  
**Attachments:** REASONS NOT TO HUNT MI.doc

December 3, 2012

Dear Committee Clerk Mr. Mead,

Would you please be so kind as to pass along this message along to the members of the House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee?

Dear Chairman Foster and Members of the House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee

I have heard that there will be a discussion on Tuesday in the Michigan House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee regarding testimony on SB 1350 to add the Michigan Gray wolf to the game list and open a hunting season for them. I would like to register my complete and utter objection to SB 1350 and strongly urge that the committee members to not pursue adding the gray wolf to the game list.

First, it is far too soon to hunt wolves so quickly after taking them off the Endangered Species List when there are less than 700 of them in only 5% of their historic range. It has taken 40 years, much time and effort and many tax payers dollars to struggle to bring back wolves that had been previously been hunted out of the state. This is illogical, inhumane and ironically wasteful. Wolves are part of our environmental landscape and keep balance naturally with any number of other species, including coyotes.

Second, we should capitalize on wolves being part of our state's ecology and demonstrate that we can live in harmony with the wolf. We can take a page from Predators Alliance out west or western parks that have successful programs educating people about the wolf's place in nature. And they have, in fact, featured wolves as star attractions in the tourist industry. We could also add wolf sightings as another unique feature to our Pure Michigan campaign. That would set us apart from the baser instincts of simply "establishing a game season for wolves."

Third, if, in fact, there are problems with wolves, they should be handled on a case by case basis as reported in the "Recommended Guiding Principles for Wolf Management in Michigan" written by the Michigan Wolf Management Roundtable in 2006. Farmers and ranchers are presently allowed by law to kill problem wolves and are compensated for any cattle that have been attacked.

Fourth, committee members should be aware that the Senate passed this bill with an amendment to form a wolf Advisory Board which generally duplicates the Wolf Management Roundtable that was established before 2006. This is very telling that the Senate is unfamiliar with the Roundtable, the 20 experts who are the members, the results of their studies on wolf management in Michigan and the advice that the report gives to manage wolves generally in a non lethal method and specifically without a quota based hunt. It is apparent that

the Senate committee members did not study this bill thoroughly and voted on it in ignorance. That does not reassure me, a resident voter and taxpayer, that votes are wisely cast.

Fifth, committee members should be aware that the DNR is hosting a forum on Wednesday, December 5 with the members of the Roundtable in St. Ignace. (Please see notice in the attachment below.) This meeting should be held with the experts giving testimony to the progress and status of the wolf recovery in Michigan before any bills are passed adding the Gray wolf to the game list. This is what these 20 agencies on the board were set up to do – manage the wolves in Michigan.

There is a rush to pass SB 1350 in this lame duck session and this is wrong for the wolf, wrong for eco-science and wrong for the tax payers of Michigan. Please let the experts who are on the board study and deliberate. Let us not revert back to simply issuing hunting licenses when there are more intelligent methods of management for wolves. Reading the “Recommended Guiding Principles for Wolf Management in Michigan” and following the Roundtable subsequent reports should be imperative before any legislative bills are written. Please resist this lame duck rush and let wiser heads prevail.

Personally, I believe that the wolves should be managed first in a creative manner now that they have been brought back, not in a destructive manner. This is the time to welcome and incorporate the wolf as part of our environmental fabric and tourist industry.

Thank you very much - Anne Honhart 197 E. Frank St., Birmingham, MI 48009

Attachments:

My Reasons Not to Hunt Mi. Gray Wolf Now

Notice of Wolf Forum (Roundtable Group) Dec. 5, 2012

## 10 REASONS NOT TO HUNT MI. GRAY WOLF NOW

1. Just removed from the endangered species list early in 2012 and have not fully recovered. It makes no economical sense to spend money, time and energy to bring them back from extinction and just start hunting them again.
2. It has taken almost 40 years to reintroduce the gray wolf to Michigan and there are only about 687 wolves in the UP covering only 5% of their historic range.
3. Presently, there is no science based study or reason to hunt wolves and the majority of Michiganders, including hunters, polled by MSU are opposed to wolf hunting. Opening a hunting season is merely for “trophy hunting”. No one eats a wolf.
4. Wolves do not harm people. They, in fact, go out of their way to avoid humans.
5. Wolves are essential to the health of the forests, rivers and elk and moose populations by keeping the deer on the move so that they do not over browse vegetation and do not spread diseases to other ungulates. The Nature Conservancy has expressed the need for a thriving wolf population for the welfare of young trees, plants and the river systems.
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7. Wolves control the coyote populations.
8. The Michigan Native Americans support the Wolf Management Round Table recommendations to manage wolf populations with education and non-lethal methods. Data was supposed to be shared by all parties, but as of yet the DNR as not shared any with the tribes upon request.
9. Farmers and ranchers, by law, are able to shoot any wolves that create a problem and they are compensated if they should lose cattle to wolves.
10. Once hunting is allowed, it automatically brands that animal as the target or enemy, which is almost impossible to reverse. It sends the wrong message for an animal that is essential for the health and biodiversity of nature.

## Michigan DNR to hold Wolf Forum meeting Wednesday, Dec. 5 in St. Ignace

**Contact:** [Adam Bump](#), 517-373-1263, or [Debbie Munson Badinj](#), 906-226-1352  
**Agency:** Natural Resources

Nov. 27, 2012

The Department of Natural Resources will host a Michigan Wolf Forum meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Bear Arena, located at 275 Marquette St., in St. Ignace.

DNR staff will provide an update on current wolf management activity in Michigan and will gather input from forum members regarding future management activities.

The Michigan Wolf Forum members represent a diverse group of organizations with an interest in wolves and wolf management. The 2008 Wolf Management Plan, which guides wolf management in Michigan, created the Wolf Forum to serve as a direct link between stakeholders and the DNR to discuss implementation of the Wolf Management Plan and current or future activities related to wolves and wolf management.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting and will have the opportunity to provide written comments. For more information about the meeting, contact Adam Bump at 517-373-1263.

To learn more about Michigan's wolf population, visit [www.michigan.gov/wolves](http://www.michigan.gov/wolves).

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

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**From:** bjmaki@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:06 PM  
**To:** Jill Fritz; David Mead; Anne Honhart  
**Subject:** SB1350

Dear Committee Clerk David Mead and members of the House  
Natural Resources Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

I am writing in reference to SB1350 because I must urge you not make a hasty decision, wolves have been blamed in the past for many sins they were found later to be innocent of, now that we are better educated in regards to the structure of wildlife and respectful of how well nature regulates itself we must ask if hunting is really necessary?

I am also concerned about stories like the 8 wolves shot in Escanaba, wouldn't you like to know who identified these animals as wolves, this busy city is not a place wolves would visit, one of the facts about wolves is they are hardly seen because they stay as far away from people as possible.

Wolves have benefited our ecosystem by regulating prey numbers and movements reducing densities of coyotes, and providing food for

scavengers. The most recognized and well-documented ecological benefit of wolves is that they have resumed the important

role of maintaining healthy wildlife herds by selecting young, old, physically impaired, or diseased animals.

In addition to improving the overall fitness of wildlife herds, wolves have also altered the behavior of their

prey, leading to a cascade of beneficial effects on the landscape. Such as over browsing in one area.

Also keep in mind the family structure of the wolf family, only one female has pups, if she is shot or heaven forbid trapped or snared, the pups will die if they are still nursing, perhaps even if they are older depending on the maternal instincts of the rest of the pack.

Please vote NO of SB1350

Manfred and Bettye Maki

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West Bloomfield, MI 48323

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**From:** doug kuykendall <dkranch54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:06 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Trapping

Society has moved beyond such barbaric methods of sport/population control. If Michigan cannot do better than this, I will make no more visits to Michigan and not support Kellogg, Post Cereal, Amana, etc and not another \$40,000 Dodge pickup!

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**From:** Cinzia Rossi <cici4ever@hotmail.it>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:01 PM  
**To:** Rep. Frank Foster; David Mead  
**Subject:** please save wolves!

Although I am a non-resident of the great state of Michigan--I have visited and have family in Northern Michigan. I would like to continue to tour in your state and continue to support your major consumer products, such as Kellogg's, GM, Chrysler, Whirlpool/Amana, etc., however, if Michigan does jump on the blood train of wolf hunting and trapping, I'm afraid my support for Michigan will have to cease on the moral objection that wolves do not need "management" via lethal methods; and, in fact, have been managing themselves quite well for hundreds of thousands of years.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this urgent matter. PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON SB 1350 !!!!

Sincerely,

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**David Mead**

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**From:** Melissa Davis <lykiska141@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:51 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** SB 1350 / HB 5834

Dear Mr. Mead,

I was sad to hear that Michigan may be possibly be allowing the hunting of wolves. I was born in Michigan, and the state is close to my heart. Wolf hunting in the other states that allow it has not been documented enough to know how it will turn out. Currently there is a lot of speculation especially around Yellowstone with some of the study wolves being killed. I fear that the hunting of wolves may put them back on the Endangered Species List. Please look into other ways to be able to co-exist with wolves.

Thank you,

Melissa Davis  
PO Box 136  
Graysville, GA 30726

**David Mead**

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**From:** Colette Woolley <hacowo76@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:51 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** wolves

please save the wolves!!

## David Mead

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**From:** Jackie <1960skid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:48 PM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** SB 1350

Committee Clerk, David Mead at 517-373-2013

Committee Chair Frank Foster at 517-373-2629

As a big consumer of Michigan's products like Kelloggs, GM, Chrysler, Whirlpool, Amana appliances, and outdoor recreation in Michigan, I am most concerned that the fate of Michigan's wolves is on the chopping block. If this legislation is passed, I will be forced to reconsider myself as consumer of anything that Michigan has to offer.

I am a wolf supporter and we need your 'action' today to save the wolves from an upcoming barbaric hunt in Michigan, and the wolf hunting bill that is in the House Committee. I/we are contacting you, as House Committee members to strongly encourage you to vote "NO" on SB 1350 !!

I don't live in Michigan, but am a big consumer and had intended on coming to Michigan, again this summer for a tourist road trip. I cannot, with good conscience visit your state if you are going to persecute the wolf through this barbaric hunt.

Do not let me, the wolf or your state down by supporting this awful piece of legislation.

Jackie Davis

Virginia

"From the creatures of the earth I shall learn the fruits of compassion and undying love and in their company I shall indeed be blessed."

## David Mead

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**From:** dressel69@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Cc:** dressel69  
**Subject:** wolves

hello, in regards to the genocide of our wolves i find it deplorable that are trapped and allowed for dogs to attack and kill it while in the trap, or members of the wildlife services , to allow their employees to do the same . the extent of cruelty shown this animal is staggering and i can only imagine the terror they must go thru while be taken by morons who abuse them by disgusting acts of pain and violence . please do somethibng to stop this outrageous attack on a wild animal. they were put here for a reason and killing them shouldnt be the first option like anything else humans dont know what to do with and just kill it . thank you for your time i hope you do whats best for the animal .  
sincerely gail dressel

DRAFT 1  
SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5544

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending sections 226, 227, and 231 (MCL 750.226, 750.227, and  
750.231), section 227 as amended by 1986 PA 8 and section 231 as  
amended by 2006 PA 401.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 226. ~~Carrying firearm or dangerous weapon with unlawful~~  
2 ~~intent.~~ Any **A** person who, with intent to use the same unlawfully  
3 against the person of another, goes armed with a pistol or other  
4 firearm, ~~or dagger, dirk, A razor, stiletto, or A knife, having a~~  
5 ~~blade over 3 inches in length, or any other dangerous or deadly~~  
6 ~~weapon or instrument, shall be~~ **IS** guilty of a felony ~~punishable~~  
7 ~~by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or by~~  
8 a fine of not more than ~~2,500 dollars.~~ **\$2,500.00, OR BOTH.**



1       Sec. 227. (1) A person shall not carry a ~~dagger, dirk,~~  
2 ~~stiletto, a double-edged nonfolding stabbing instrument~~ **KNIFE** of  
3 any length, or any other ~~dangerous weapon, except a hunting knife~~  
4 ~~adapted and carried as such~~ **OBJECT DESIGNED, MANUFACTURED, OR**  
5 **INTENDED TO BE USED TO CAUSE DEATH OR INJURY TO ANY PERSON,**  
6 concealed on or about his or her person ~~or, whether concealed or~~  
7 otherwise, in any vehicle operated or occupied by the person. ~~or~~  
8 ~~except in his or her dwelling house, place of business or on other~~  
9 ~~land possessed by the person.~~ **THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY**  
10 **OF THE FOLLOWING:**

11       **(A) A WEAPON CARRIED BY THE PERSON IN HIS OR HER DWELLING**  
12 **HOUSE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS OR ON OTHER LAND POSSESSED BY THE**  
13 **PERSON.**

14       **(B) A WEAPON CARRIED IN TRANSIT BETWEEN LOCATIONS DESCRIBED IN**  
15 **SUBDIVISION (A) THAT, UNLESS THE WEAPON IS CARRIED FOR A PURPOSE**  
16 **DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (C), IS IN A PROTECTIVE CASE AND IS**  
17 **INACCESSIBLE TO ANY PERSON IN THE VEHICLE.**

18       **(C) A WEAPON CARRIED FOR HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING**  
19 **PURPOSES OR FOR USE AS A TOOL IN THE COURSE OF THE PERSON'S TRADE,**  
20 **OCCUPATION, OR HOBBY.**

21       (2) A person shall not carry a pistol concealed on or about  
22 his or her person ~~or, whether concealed or otherwise, in a~~  
23 vehicle operated or occupied by the person, except in his or her  
24 dwelling house, place of business, or on other land possessed by  
25 the person, without a license to carry the pistol as provided by  
26 law and, if licensed, shall not carry the pistol in a place or  
27 manner inconsistent with any restrictions upon ~~such~~ **THAT** license.



(3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years ~~or by a fine~~ of not more than \$2,500.00, **OR BOTH**.

Sec. 231. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), sections 224, 224a, 224b, 224d, 226a, 227, 227c, and 227d do not apply to any of the following:

(a) A peace officer of an authorized police agency of the United States, of this state, or of a political subdivision of this state, who is regularly employed and paid by the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state.

(b) A person who is regularly employed by the state department of corrections and who is authorized in writing by the director of the department of corrections to carry a concealed weapon while in the official performance of his or her duties or while going to or returning from those duties.

(c) A person employed by a private vendor that operates a youth correctional facility authorized under section 20g of **THE CORRECTIONS CODE OF 1953**, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.220g, who meets the same criteria established by the director of the state department of corrections for departmental employees described in subdivision (b) and who is authorized in writing by the director of the department of corrections to carry a concealed weapon while in the official performance of his or her duties or while going to or returning from those duties.

(d) A member of the United States army, air force, navy, or marine corps or the United States coast guard while carrying weapons in the line of or incidental to duty.



(e) An organization authorized by law to purchase or receive weapons from the United States or from this state.

(f) A member of the national guard, armed forces reserve, the United States coast guard reserve, or any other authorized military organization while on duty or drill, or in going to or returning from a place of assembly or practice, while carrying weapons used for a purpose of the national guard, armed forces reserve, United States coast guard reserve, or other duly authorized military organization.

(g) A security employee employed by the state and granted limited arrest powers under section 6c of 1935 PA 59, MCL 28.6c.

(h) A motor carrier officer appointed under section 6d of 1935 PA 59, MCL 28.6d.

(2) As applied to section 224a(1) only, subsection (1) ~~is~~**DOES** not ~~applicable~~**APPLY** to an individual included under subsection (1)(a), (b), or (c) unless he or she has been trained on the use, effects, and risks of using a portable device or weapon described in section 224a(1).





## David Mead

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**From:** paula murphy <paulam849@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:27 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Urgent Save Michigan Wolves!

Although I am a non-resident of the great state of Michigan--I have visited and have family in Northern Michigan. I would like to continue to tour in your state and continue to support your major consumer products, such as Kellogg's, GM, Chrysler, Whirlpool/Amana, etc., however, if Michigan does jump on the blood train of wolf hunting and trapping, I'm afraid my support for Michigan will have to cease on the moral objection that wolves do not need "management" via lethal methods; and, in fact, have been managing themselves quite well for hundreds of thousands of years.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this urgent matter. PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON SB 1350 !!!!

Sincerely,

Paula Murphy

**David Mead**

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**From:** spberzac@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:20 PM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** Wolf Hunt

As a former resident of MI for 42 years, a frequent visitor, and a supporter of MI products, particularly autos and produce, I ask you to vote no on this barbaric hunt. Wolves were hunted almost to extinction. They have defined family groups. You banned bear traps when I lived there. Please follow your conscience and do not allow this hunt!

Peace is achieved one friendship at a time,

**Susan Berzac**  
**1629 Tiff Grass Court**  
**Castle Rock, CO 80109**

## David Mead

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**From:** cathy and bernie <winmil@cheqnet.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:17 PM  
**To:** David Mead

please do not make the mistake wi made and open up wolf hunting .  
there is NO biological or ecological reason to hunt these animals.  
these animals do not belong to the hunters!  
this would Never pass with a referendum . It is bad politics and dividing people! please stop this  
slaughter before it starts!  
cathy miller

## David Mead

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**From:** christy schilling <cncschilling@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:22 PM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** Please vote NO to save Michigan's wolves

The fate of Michigan's wolves is on the chopping block and only you can help. The Michigan wolf hunt is barbaric so I urge you to vote "NO" on SB 1350 the wolf hunting bill that is before the House Committee. If this bill passes and this cruel hunting is allowed I will not only never visit Michigan again, I will not support anything made in Michigan or the products that come from Michigan such as Kelloggs, GM, Chrysler, Whirlpool and Amana appliances. Please say NO to SB 1350.

With humanity,

Christy Schilling  
<http://Burbankcrops.com>

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**From:** jcbrock@ameritech.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:23 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** SB 1350 - Wolf Hunt

Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee

Attention: Committee Members

As life long residents of Michigan, property owners of 2 residences, one in Northville, one in Harbor Springs, and taxpayers of the state of Michigan, we wish to express our opinions to the Committee regarding SB 1350/Wolf Hunt.

We do not agree with adding the wolf to the hunted species list for the state of Michigan. Since the wolf has just recently been removed from the ENDANGERED species, we do not feel it is a prudent decision to proceed with hunting the wolf. There is NO SOUND SCIENTIFIC reasoning to prove that it is a necessary measure at this time. They are NOT overpopulated.

We sincerely believe that this year-end push to get SB1350 passed is NOT wise. There needs to be further studies into this matter.

We oppose SB1350 and feel it is not in the best interest of the state or OUR wildlife.

Thank you for your time and we hope you will take the time to consider our opinion.

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**From:** Zelda <zpenzel@twcmetrobiz.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:21 PM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON SB 1350

Dear Committee Clerk Mead and Committee Chairman Foster:

I am writing to urge you to **PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON SB 1350**. The war on wildlife and the decimation of wolf populations in Michigan, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, and Wisconsin have outraged the public at large, and taxpayers who are forced to sit by while elected officials sign on to the atrocities that are perpetrated on these much maligned animals. The cruel hunting and trapping of these magnificent, sentient beings is appalling and unconscionable. There can be no justification whatsoever, for their senseless slaughter, based on "myths", superstitions and old wives tales as well as numbers that defy credulity! While we realize that the wolf is a predator, man is an even greater and far more evil predator, exploiting this unfortunate animal for his own purposes. Wolf "management" plans all have one goal in mind: *to kill wolves*, which is done to appease special interest groups such as hunters/trappers and those who profit from grazing their animals on public land.

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Should Michigan decide to allow the immoral and unethical slaughter of wolves for personal pleasure or gain, self-aggrandizement, and self-serving needs, your great state will be boycotted and lose the support of millions of wildlife advocates and enthusiasts. We are hoping that Michigan will step up to the plate and instead be the shining beacon of leadership for the Great Lakes states, as an example of non-lethal management and respect for Native Americans who also have a spiritual connection to the wolf and regard the wolf as brethren.

I urge you to PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON SB 1350 !!!! Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,  
Zelda Penzel, President  
People for the End of Animal Cruelty and Exploitation~PEACE (501c3, non-profit)  
NY, NY 10003

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**From:** nancy schermerhorn <nsscher@wmis.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:28 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** SB 1350

I urge you to oppose the movement to re-classifying the grey wolf as a game animal.  
This is not timely nor advisable.

Nancy Schermerhorn, Royal Oak, MI

**David Mead**

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**From:** Mickey Graves <eddybrandy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:12 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Wolves

Please vote NO on SB 1350. Thank you.



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**From:** roundworldanimals <roundworldanimals@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 12:06 PM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** PLEASE, VOTE NO TO SB 1350

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**From:** Linda <nivilica@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 11:48 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** SB 1350 proposed wolf hunt...

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We have documented photographs and posts from public forums of the brutality and excess cruelty victimizing wolves at the hands of lesser people who have bragged about 'gut shooting' wolves (so they will die harder), the brutalization of trapped wolves, poisoning of wolves, piercing wolves with arrows, abuse of wolf tags (not

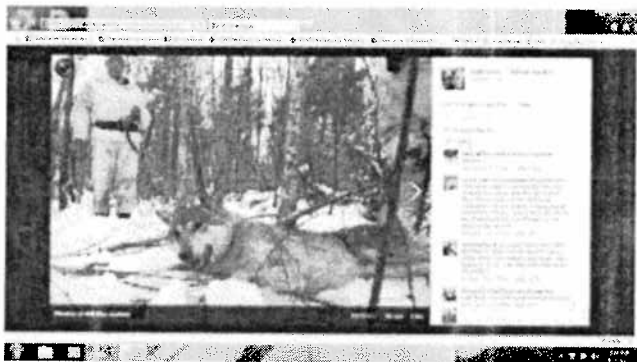
reporting all killed wolves), killing wolf pups, etc, etc. The list is long and speaks shamefully of the human condition.

We will be releasing as much as possible, as soon as possible to the major press outlets.

We are hoping that Michigan will step up to the plate and be the shining beacon of leadership for the Great Lakes states, as an example of non-lethal management and respect for Native Americans who also have a spiritual connection to the wolf and regard the wolf as brethren.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this urgent matter. PLEASE VOTE 'NO' ON SB 1350 !!!!

Sincerely,



Linda Camac

***"On the ragged edge of the world I'll roam, and the home of the wolf shall be my home..".....Robert Service***

## David Mead

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**From:** andrea.rittenhouse@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 7:39 PM  
**To:** Rep. Frank Foster  
**Cc:** David Mead

Dear chairman of MI House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Frank Foster,

There are over a million deer in MI. Deer eat crops (farmers lose \$\$ from crop loss due to deer). Car-deer crashes are extremely high in Oct. and Nov. AAA reported that in those two months there are 140 car-deer accidents EVERY DAY! Wolves do prey on deer but the deer herd is healthy and not in danger of being "decimated". Please don't make the same mistakes the other states did you are the wolves only save state right now. Please please please open your heart and help us give the wolves a voice!!!!

Sincerely,

Andrea Rittenhouse  
1408 Headley Ave NW  
Orting, WA 98360  
360-872-0921

Sent from Windows Mail

## David Mead

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**From:** Dotti <dotti2@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 6:42 PM  
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**From:** Carole Elchert <carole799@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 5:31 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Wolf delisting

Dear Rep Mead

I am introducing a university course on the policies that effect endangered species, as well as doing PowerPoint presentations on wolves, and your bill will be one that will be discussed with public audiences everywhere I travel as either a model of rejecting older ideas about wildlife and de-protection and more humane, prudent ideas about co-existence. Please understand that I do many presentations at colleges in MI and elsewhere with those who travel there, those who support MI's tempered over-development, those who understand how bad an idea de-listing is when a species begins to re-introduce itself into an ecosystem. Please vote against the de-listing bill and support a broader vision for humans and wildlife in a healthy ecosystem. Thank you. Professor Carole Elchert

## David Mead

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**From:** Eric Hoyer <ehoyer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 5:30 PM  
**To:** Eric Hoyer  
**Subject:** Please reject SB 996

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**From:** Christine White <pchristinewhite@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 5:26 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Hearing on December 4th to consider listing wolves as a game animal in Michigan

I understand that the House's Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation committee is having a hearing on Tuesday to explore the possibility of making wolves a game animal in Michigan as approved by the Senate last week. This, of course, will lead to the hunting of wolves. I would like to express my vehement opposition to adding wolves to the list of game species in Michigan. These animals have been protected for several years and should continue to be. There is no scientific evidence to indicate that their populations have reached a level to warrant such action. Please consider my views as you discuss this critical issue on December 4<sup>th</sup> and add my comments to the official record. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christine White

3968 Hillcrest

Highland, MI 48356

## David Mead

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**From:** Scott Harris <harriss@voyager.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 4:10 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Testimony on SB1350

Dear Mr. Mead,

Please forward this letter to the House Standing Committee of the Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation, and add my name and this letter into the official record as my testimony on SB1350.

As a Michigan resident, voter, parent and business owner, I am asking you reject SB1350 and to continue to protect Michigan's gray wolf.

It has been less than a year since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the gray wolf from the Endangered Species list. To move so quickly towards a lethal solution to an anticipated problem of wolf predation without allowing for comprehensive study and significant public input denies Michiganders a voice in protecting our wildlife.

As farmers are already permitted to kill wolves who present an imminent danger to livestock and pets- the only rationale to killing the wolves would be for the sake of hunting. Hunting for the sake of hunting the wolf has been consistently rejected by Michigan citizens and passing such a bill would represent a tremendous breach between the promises and commitments of our elected officials and the residents and voters of our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Harris  
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Holt, MI 48842

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House Committee on Natural Resources,  
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Testimony

December 3, 2012



National Wolfwatcher Coalition

<http://wolfwatcher.org>

Headquarters: 401 884-2808

Great Lakes Regional 906 988 2892

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

The National Wolfwatcher Coalition is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting positive attitudes about wolves through education. The National Wolfwatcher Coalition opposes SB 1350.

SB 1350 states that the use of hunting as a management tool is necessary, "to minimize human and gray wolf encounters and to prevent gray wolves from threatening or harming humans, livestock and pets." This statement is not based on reality and it appears its purpose is to instill fear and concern among Michigan residents.

Senator Casperson, Representative Huuki and even some providing testimony before the Senate Committee would like you to believe that wolves are walking down Main Street and rampantly killing livestock and pets, while owners are forced to standby helplessly. We urge you to look at the facts.

Livestock producers are compensated for verified losses caused by wolves and since delisting are issued landowner permits to kill problem wolves. Livestock producers and dog owners can also kill wolves, without a permit, that are in the act of attacking their livestock or dog.

Through a federal grant, 20 donkeys have been placed on farms and fencing has been purchased for seven farms. These and other non-lethal measures have proven to be effective in reducing wolf depredation.

Killing livestock is a learned behavior and most wolf packs do not cause depredation problems. Only 7% of the 900 working U.P. farms have experienced a verified wolf depredation. In 2010 (53%), 2011 (43%) and 2012 (41%) of all the wolf depredations in the U.P. were on one farm, located in Ontonagon County. This producer has also had depredation problems with bears,

coyotes and bobcats. Simply hunting wolves in the U.P. will not resolve this producer's predation problems.

The best way to manage problem wolves when non-lethal measures fail is to insure producers follow best management practices and to target the wolves responsible for the depredation in a timely manner. Research shows that randomly killing wolves not responsible for depredation can actually cause depredation to increase.

Over the past 17 years, there have been 68 dogs killed by wolves. Nearly all were hounds pursuing game on public lands.

Since federal delisting ten months ago, at least 25 wolves have been legally killed under DNR's current authority, including eight wolves, killed this spring in Ironwood. The wolves were attracted to a residential area by persons feeding deer and the wolves were killed as a proactive measure; no one was threatened by the wolves.

There are some who argue that a recreational wolf hunting/trapping season will increase social acceptance for the wolf. Just look at the states where the hunting and trapping of wolves is allowed and you will see the hatred for the wolf is just as strong as ever where slogans such as "Smoke a pack a day" and "Kill em all" abound. In Michigan alone, at least 62 wolves have been illegally killed since 1999.

No doubt you have heard from some constituents frustrated with wolves. Some have real concerns such as loss of livestock, others fear for what might happen; others are misinformed on the impact of wolves on deer; while others are unaware of the ecological benefits of wolves. Attitude surveys show the majority of U.P. residents support wolf recovery.

Facts show that while wolves alter deer behavior; wolves are not decimating deer populations in the Upper Peninsula. Research indicates the wolves can control diseases within deer populations such as Chronic Wasting Disease. Wolves also control beaver numbers; beaver cause millions in dollars in damage to Michigan culverts and roads.

Senator Casperson and Representative Huuki have attempted to justify the need for designating the wolf as a game animal stating that wolf numbers have far exceeded population goals. He is mistaken. The approved wolf management plan does not identify a target population size, nor does it establish an upper limit for the number of wolves in the State.

The fact that Wisconsin and Minnesota have established a wolf hunting/trapping season is not a scientific reason for Michigan to institute one.

We also question why SB 1350 assesses a penalty of only \$200-\$1000 for illegally killing a wolf and believe the penalties should be elevated to that for illegally taking an elk or moose.

SB 1350 includes a clause creating an advisory council; however, the MI Wolf Forum already exists with representation from each of the organizations mentioned in the legislation.

Although given the facts many times, Senator Casperson and Representative Huuki have chosen to ignore the data and instead propagate misleading information in an attempt to satisfy a small constituency. Senator Casperson even told a gentleman who provided unscientific and antidotal information during the Senate hearing that he (Senator Casperson) considered this person to be an expert. A very notable difference between the House Version (HB 5834) and the Senate Version (SB 1350) can be found on Page 4, Line 7 where it states, "The sound management..." The word "*scientific*" was deleted from the House version.

With all the non-lethal and lethal measures available to target and control problem wolves, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational wolf hunting season or for designating the wolf a game animal. We ask that you consider the input of our 3250 supporters who have sent emails to you and urge you to reject SB 1350.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Warren*

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Great Lakes Regional Director  
National Wolfwatcher Coalition  
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Ewen, MI 49925  
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**David Mead**

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**From:** thewerts\_1@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 3:42 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Cc:** Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** wolf hunting in Michigan

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 1350/HB5834, which designates wolves as a game species in the State of Michigan and authorizes a wolf

hunt. I believe there are ways for humans and wolves to peacefully coexist. I think it is unnecessary to remove these predators because I believe it could

adversely impact other species in the State. I believe that legislation must be based on facts and not emotions or fears, and I do not believe it is

necessary to establish a wolf hunt in the State at this time.

Thank You for your time

Scott Wert

## David Mead

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**From:** Laura Schmid <schmid.laura@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 3:19 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Regarding law SB 1350/HB 5834

Dear David Mead,

I am writting to you with my concerns to the upcoming vote in Michigan law regarding wolves, SB 1350/HB5834. I live in Colorado where wolves once lived and roamed free and it would be great to see them make a come back here.

I oppose the vote for this legislation because there are only 700 roaming wolves in UP, they are still making a come back and we can not allow humans to manage wolves by hunting, trapping, poison. There is no scientific effidence that wolves are a threat to humans or that there is a need for recreational hunting of them.

Chapter 6.12.1 of the approved Wolf Management Plan states that reducing wolf numbers in areas with a high density of wolves will be considered when it is determind that problems could not be resolved throught non-lethal or individual lethal methods. The plan acknowledges a situation of this type has not occured in Michigan.

The MI DNR has the authority to remove wolves responsible for depredation as well as issue landowner permits. Both livestock producers and dog owners have the authority to kill a wolf in the act of attacking their livestock or dog. Livestock producers are compensated for their losses. There is funding available for non-lethal measures to minimize depredations.

There is no evidence that wovlves are decimationg deer populations. By eliminating the sick, injured, weak, strengthen the deer herd. Research indicates wolves may eliminate diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease.

Human tolerance towards wolveds has not improved in any state where wolf hunting is allowed.

Thank you for your time and listening to my words,

Laura Schmid  
1673 Holeman Drive  
Erie, CO 80516  
423-580-8508



## David Mead

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**From:** Jennifer Selzer <jensden@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 2:30 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** SB 1350 / HB 5834: Don't Move Backwards in time, Michigan!

Dear Mr. Read,

In regards to the bills referenced in the subject line, I must write in absolute PROTEST to your disregard to the survival and continual free-running of wild wolves. I am tired of ranchers, politicians and special interest groups ignoring nature as it existed BEFORE our modern greed came into play. How can this animal be considered "game"? I come from a family of hunters and although I do not take part in this practice nor do I eat the spoils, I understand the idea of providing meat from this ritual. What is the point of killing an animal that will provide only a dead carcass? Is it the pelts? Because if it is, the idea of the fur of this beautiful animal being harvested is truly a sick thought.

I am tired of the irresponsible and arrogant attitude of the humans. The wolves are wild, non-domesticated animals, predators, and should be respected as such and allowed to live without being hunted, particularly when they are still so close to being endangered. They do not prey on humans, steal away their children or wait under the bed or in closets. Humans need to learn to live RESPONSIBLY with the wolves, not remove every natural part of the ecosystem to suit our needs, or make our lives more convenient. Should we eradicate black widow spiders? What about rattlesnakes? I think they are much more deadly to humans than wolves and there doesn't seem to be any energy around that. People somehow respect and learn to keep distance with these creatures, but too easily buy into the mythology and the lore of the "big bad" wolf and just feign fear in order to not to have to keep an eye on their pets or children. People shouldn't require so much babysitting. Responsibility needs to be expected. Let the wolves be the creatures that they are, and honor them for that. Demand that the humans take responsibility for what's theirs, and respect the world around them without so readily calling for its destruction.

I do not live in your state so you may think my voice unimportant. But I am a voracious consumer, and my voice is loud. I have many friends and family to whom I spread the word of places who do harm to animals and the environment. Right now, I have at least 3 people in my life who are in need of new cars. Will we be looking at Ford, GM or Chrysler? I certainly don't think so, when there are many other alternatives that are not supporting evil practices upon animals. I also have friends who have recently bought homes, and are purchasing major appliances. Whirlpool, Amana? Nope. There are many other brands to choose from. The list goes on, and social media is a powerful thing.

Consider what I've written, and know we are a united and diligent group of activists who WILL have an impact on your economy. Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Selzer

## David Mead

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**From:** ROXANNE MILLER <roxxee77@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 1:17 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** PLEASE OPPOSE BILL 1350 .... HB 5834

PLEASE OPPOSE BILL SB 1350 ... AND HB 5834 ... AS A FORMER MICHIGAN RESIDENT ...PLEASE PROTECT THE WILDLIFE ...THEY SHOULD ONLY BE ELIMINATED BY NATURAL CAUSES... NOT BY AN EGO DRIVEN HUNTER ...THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.... ROXANNE MILLER

## David Mead

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**From:** Richard Cussigh <rcussigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 10:20 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Re: Wolf Legislation

Dear Mr. Mead:

Following my note please consider the logic in this article:

[http://missoulian.com/lifestyles/territory/tracking-science-biologist-s-findings-show-forest-diversity-health-influenced/article\\_3ec9fc54-c01f-11de-bf16-001cc4c002e0.html](http://missoulian.com/lifestyles/territory/tracking-science-biologist-s-findings-show-forest-diversity-health-influenced/article_3ec9fc54-c01f-11de-bf16-001cc4c002e0.html)

Rick Cussigh

On Sun, Dec 2, 2012 at 9:04 AM, Apple <rcussigh@gmail.com> wrote:  
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**From:** Norvie Bullock <norvieb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 10:17 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Cc:** Norvie Bullock  
**Subject:** the WOLVES

oh please be kind  
to this noble species : each One  
from All of US in ME

( PLEAS !!! )

## David Mead

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**From:** Goodchild, Kristin <Kristin.Goodchild@skanska.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 10:12 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Letter of Testimony for HB 5834  
**Attachments:** Ltr of Testimony - HB 5834 - 12022012.pdf

Dear Clerk Mead,

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If there is anything further that I need to do to submit this testimony, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Kristin Goodchild  
602 Parchmount Avenue  
Parchment, MI 49004

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December 2, 2012

**Letter of Testimony Regarding H.B. 5834 and S.B. 1350 – Opposed  
Offered by Kristin Goodchild of Parchment, MI**

Though grateful of the votes of opposition by some members of the Senate, I was deeply disappointed to learn of the Senate's overall vote of support of S.B. 1350 last week and the bill's speedy advance to the House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

This bill is unwarranted, misguided and unnecessary and is being driven by a very small, minority and is therefore grossly unreflective of the opinion of the many citizens and groups that oppose this bill across the state.

There has been absolutely no scientific evidence or defensible facts presented to support the arguments of this bill. Nobody eats wolves. The only cause for a hunt of wolves is for fun and for trophies. Wolves are just beginning to recover from the brink of extinction. This bill proposes that we now gun them down, only for sport.

Some facts that I ask the House to consider as they deliberate on this bill:

- The gray wolf in Michigan was driven to the brink of extinction and subsequently placed on the Endangered Species List for nearly 40 years. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the Great Lakes population of gray wolves in 2012. **Adding wolves to the list of game animals in our state – as H.B. 5834 and S.B. 1350 seek to do – would undermine the long term survival of the wolf in Michigan.**
- In 2006 The Michigan Department of Natural Resources convened a Wolf Management Roundtable—a broad coalition of conservation, wildlife, environmental, tribal, farming, law enforcement, and humane organizations—to establish guidelines if wolf management would return to state control. **The group agreed in its final report that a quota hunt was not a scientifically sound method of addressing wolf management.**
- A majority of Michigan residents support a “hands-off” approach to wolf management. A 2010 statewide poll conducted by Michigan State University showed that “[m]ost residents, including hunters, Northern Lower Peninsula (NLP) residents and minorities, highly value wolves, are not interested in hunting them and support the role of science in making decisions.”
- **There is no science-based reason to hunt wolves.** History has demonstrated that wolves can have been severely impacted by predator control. Because the gray wolf is still recovering in Michigan, and only occupies 5% of its historic range, management should be undertaken with great caution. The Wolf Management Roundtable advised against reducing wolf abundance at large geographic scales, because **not only would it not necessarily reduce negative interactions, it could “unacceptably restrict positive interactions desired by the public, and could promote an inaccurate public perception regarding the relationship between wolf numbers and the risk of conflict.”**
- **Hunting won't reduce conflicts.** Rather than declaring an open season on wolves, Michigan should focus on the implementation of its wolf management plan, which advises

the use of non-lethal controls, education, and scientific research. **The Michigan DNR's guidelines for lethal control of wolves, which have been in effect for less than a year, rightly deal with conflicts on a case-by-case basis.** They allow farmers and dog owners to take lethal actions when wolves attack their animals. Farmers are compensated for verified losses caused by wolves and a grant is available to provide non-lethal deterrence measures. These guidelines should be given time to work and if necessary, changes should be made based on sound-science, not the hysteria of a vocal minority who want a wolf hunt.

The Michigan DNR should maintain its goal of ensuring the long-term survival of gray wolves in the state. Hunting wolves undermine that goal, and as such, there is no justifiable reason for the adding wolves to the list of game animals.

I urge the members of the House to reject this bill. Please vote no on H.B. 5834.

Sincerely,

Kristin Goodchild  
602 Parchmount Avenue  
Parchment, MI 49004  
PH: (269) 547-0059  
President, Kalamazoo Humane Society Board



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**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 10:05 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
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Respectfully,

Richard Cussigh  
630-222-8619

## David Mead

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**From:** Savannah Ford <winterskywolf@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 9:27 AM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** SB 1350 and HB 5834

I'm writing to you about making wolves into a game species in Michigan.

The National Wolfwatcher Coalition opposes SB 1350 and HB 5834. Michigan's population of wolves is still fragile, with only around 700 wolves. There is no scientific evidence that indicates the need for a wolf hunting season in Michigan. No wolf in Michigan has ever harmed a human, and DNR has the authority to remove 'potential risk' wolves. Making a wolf hunting season will not improve people's tolerance of them. All it is is a cruel hunt for people who have nothing better to do. Please consider this!

## David Mead

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**From:** apowell917@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 4:23 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** ave the wolf

Please sir do not pass a bill claiming the wolf is a game animal. The wolf is at the top of the food chain. There is not one good reason to kill a wolf other than cruelty! The "trophy" individual may display the head, however the meat is not consumed by the hunter, nor do they wear the pelt. Why are wolves allowed to be slaughtered at all? It is a hate crime in my humble opinion; breed specific prejudice, similar to the pit bulls situation. Please be a hero for wildlife, do not allow this bill to pass. Thank you for your time,

Angelika Powell

## David Mead

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**From:** Jon Jovi <tenyearsafter00@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 2:27 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Wolves

They are not game animals Mr. Mead  
Please share this with your members !

## David Mead

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**From:** Deborah Gilly <deborrahgilly@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 12:32 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** SB1350

Please do not pass this bill. The wolves are not hurting anyone & do not deserve to be killed for no reason. Why would anyone want to kill one? It's like killing a dog. They are not wild game. They are not food for humans and so should be left alone. These blood thirsty people who are wanting this bill to pass need to leave these poor animals alone. We need the wolves, they're a part of our environment.

## David Mead

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**From:** collinspiano@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 11:17 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Please read this

Mr. Mead~

Please read this information. It is concise and extremely informative.

[http://www.livingwithwolves.org/AW\\_HowWolvesHelp2.html](http://www.livingwithwolves.org/AW_HowWolvesHelp2.html)

Thank you again for your time,

Sandy Collins

734.846.8686

-----Original Message-----

From: collinspiano <[collinspiano@aol.com](mailto:collinspiano@aol.com)>

To: dmead <[dmead@house.mi.gov](mailto:dmead@house.mi.gov)>

Sent: Sat, Dec 1, 2012 10:57 pm

Subject: Wolf hunt

Dear Mr. Mead~

I am writing to ask you to support wolves and vote AGAINST legislation to create a wolf hunting season. Many people don't realize how important these creatures are to our ecosystem. If you have not done so already, please take the time to read about them and understand the role they play in our environment. There is absolutely NO REASON to kill these animals. Many states, particularly in the West, have found ways to allow them to live peacefully alongside humans and their livestock. I ask you, please, to vote down the idea of these wolf hunts.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Sandy Collins

Ann Arbor

734.846.8686

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Sincerely,  
Sandy Collins  
Ann Arbor  
734.846.8686

## David Mead

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**From:** Pam Wilson Floyd <pswilsonfloyd@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 10:33 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Wilderness and Wolves

My family is originally from Michigan and a few still live there. We have a camp in the UP where, if you are lucky, you can see and hear the wolves.

I now live in Minnesota where I am actively involved in saving wolves from those who consider them a game species. These magnificent animals are very controversial, I get that. All I am asking is for the state lawmakers where wolves are an issue is to LISTEN to those who put you in office, all the voters, not just the hunters and farmers. We humans put the wolf into extinction and we now have a chance to do it right, to make up for our egregious mistakes. Our collective voices are saying, please don't annihilate them again.

Sincerely,

Pamela Wilson-Floyd  
pswilsonfloyd



**David Mead**

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**From:** Italia Millan <italia.millan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 10:00 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** House Natural Resources Committee meeting - videotaping

Mr. David Mead,

I am planning to attend the House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation committee on Tuesday, December 4 at 9:00 am and give testimony on SB 1350.

I also would like to videotape the part of the meeting during which this bill is discussed and voted on. I checked the Michigan legislature Open Meetings Act, where it says I have the right to videotape at the meeting. Please let me know if that is not the case, including reference to official documents that mention the (if any) prohibition.

### **OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

**Act 267 of 1976 15.263 Meetings, decisions, and deliberations of public body; requirements; attending or addressing meeting of public body; tape-recording, videotaping, broadcasting, and telecasting proceedings; rules and regulations; exclusion from meeting; exemptions.**

Sec. 3.

(1) All meetings of a public body shall be open to the public and shall be held in a place available to the general public. All persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except as otherwise provided in this act. The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape-record, to videotape, to broadcast live on radio, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting. The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior approval of the public body.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Italia Millan

**David Mead**

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**From:** terri minnick <terri.minnick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 8:46 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** WOLVES

Let me get this straight...wolves are going to be a game species, that farmers can legally kill....and they will be compensated?? When will this waste of taxpayers money end?

## David Mead

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**From:** Christine White <pchristinewhite@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 8:45 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** I oppose SB1350

Tomorrow the House's Natural Resources Committee is going to consider classifying the grey wolf as a game animal in the state. I'm strongly opposed to this legislation since it would lead to the hunting of this species. The wolf was just taken off of the Endangered Species List as of January, 2012. There is no scientific evidence to support the need to cull these animals. I assume that there is pressure from the agricultural community to do so. However, there are current provisions that allow a farmer to kill a wolf if they have harmed or killed one of their animals or dogs. This measure is premature. We need to monitor their population to make sure it is at a healthy level to survive and play its part in the ecological system.

Please make sure my comments are shared with the committee and are made part of the public record. Thank you.

Christine White  
3968 Hillcrest  
Highland, MI 48356

## David Mead

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**From:** Nancy & Al Warren <nwarren1@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 8:36 AM  
**To:** Rep. Tim Bledsoe (District 1); Rep. Harold Haugh (District 42); Rep. Dian Slavens (District 21); David Mead; Rep. Maureen Stapleton; Rep. Joel Johnson; Rep. Wayne Schmidt (District 104); Rep. Kurt Damrow; Rep. Frank Foster; Rep. Holly Hughes; Rep. Matt Huuki; Rep. Peter Pettalia  
**Subject:** Testimony  
**Attachments:** Wolfwatcher House Committee Testimony SB 1350.docx

This is a possible duplicate. I have received reports that the attached testimony could not be opened as it was "protected". Therefore, I am resending from my personal computer.

Please consider the attached testimony as you deliberate SB 1350.

Nancy Warren  
Great Lakes Regional Director  
National Wolfwatcher Coalition  
[nancy@wolfwatcher.org](mailto:nancy@wolfwatcher.org)

House Committee on Natural Resources,  
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Testimony

December 3, 2012



National Wolfwatcher Coalition

<http://wolfwatcher.org>

Headquarters: 401 884-2808

Great Lakes Regional 906 988 2892

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

The National Wolfwatcher Coalition is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting positive attitudes about wolves through education. The National Wolfwatcher Coalition opposes SB 1350.

SB 1350 states that the use of hunting as a management tool is necessary, "to minimize human and gray wolf encounters and to prevent gray wolves from threatening or harming humans, livestock and pets." This statement is not based on reality and it appears its purpose is to instill fear and concern among Michigan residents.

Senator Casperson, Representative Huuki and even some providing testimony before the Senate Committee would like you to believe that wolves are walking down Main Street and rampantly killing livestock and pets, while owners are forced to standby helplessly. We urge you to look at the facts.

Livestock producers are compensated for verified losses caused by wolves and since delisting are issued landowner permits to kill problem wolves. Livestock producers and dog owners can also kill wolves, without a permit, that are in the act of attacking their livestock or dog.

Through a federal grant, 20 donkeys have been placed on farms and fencing has been purchased for seven farms. These and other non-lethal measures have proven to be effective in reducing wolf depredation.

Killing livestock is a learned behavior and most wolf packs do not cause depredation problems. Only 7% of the 900 working U.P. farms have experienced a verified wolf depredation. In 2010 (53%), 2011 (43%) and 2012 (41%) of all the wolf depredations in the U.P. were on one farm, located in Ontonagon County. This producer has also had depredation problems with bears,

coyotes and bobcats. Simply hunting wolves in the U.P. will not resolve this producer's predation problems.

The best way to manage problem wolves when non-lethal measures fail is to insure producers follow best management practices and to target the wolves responsible for the depredation in a timely manner. Research shows that randomly killing wolves not responsible for depredation can actually cause depredation to increase.

Over the past 17 years, there have been 68 dogs killed by wolves. Nearly all were hounds pursuing game on public lands.

Since federal delisting ten months ago, at least 25 wolves have been legally killed under DNR's current authority, including eight wolves, killed this spring in Ironwood. The wolves were attracted to a residential area by persons feeding deer and the wolves were killed as a proactive measure; no one was threatened by the wolves.

There are some who argue that a recreational wolf hunting/trapping season will increase social acceptance for the wolf. Just look at the states where the hunting and trapping of wolves is allowed and you will see the hatred for the wolf is just as strong as ever where slogans such as "Smoke a pack a day" and "Kill em all" abound. In Michigan alone, at least 62 wolves have been illegally killed since 1999.

No doubt you have heard from some constituents frustrated with wolves. Some have real concerns such as loss of livestock, others fear for what might happen; others are misinformed on the impact of wolves on deer; while others are unaware of the ecological benefits of wolves. Attitude surveys show the majority of U.P. residents support wolf recovery.

Facts show that while wolves alter deer behavior; wolves are not decimating deer populations in the Upper Peninsula. Research indicates the wolves can control diseases within deer populations such as Chronic Wasting Disease. Wolves also control beaver numbers; beaver cause millions in dollars in damage to Michigan culverts and roads.

Senator Casperson and Representative Huuki have attempted to justify the need for designating the wolf as a game animal stating that wolf numbers have far exceeded population goals. He is mistaken. The approved wolf management plan does not identify a target population size, nor does it establish an upper limit for the number of wolves in the State.

The fact that Wisconsin and Minnesota have established a wolf hunting/trapping season is not a scientific reason for Michigan to institute one.

We also question why SB 1350 assesses a penalty of only \$200-\$1000 for illegally killing a wolf and believe the penalties should be elevated to that for illegally taking an elk or moose.

SB 1350 includes a clause creating an advisory council; however, the MI Wolf Forum already exists with representation from each of the organizations mentioned in the legislation.

Although given the facts many times, Senator Casperson and Representative Huuki have chosen to ignore the data and instead propagate misleading information in an attempt to satisfy a small constituency. Senator Casperson even told a gentleman who provided unscientific and antidotal information during the Senate hearing that he (Senator Casperson) considered this person to be an expert. A very notable difference between the House Version (HB 5834) and the Senate Version (SB 1350) can be found on Page 4, Line 7 where it states, "The sound management..." The word "*scientific*" was deleted from the House version.

With all the non-lethal and lethal measures available to target and control problem wolves, there is no scientific evidence to support the need for a recreational wolf hunting season or for designating the wolf a game animal. We ask that you consider the input of our 3250 supporters who have sent emails to you and urge you to reject SB 1350.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Warren*

Nancy Warren  
Great Lakes Regional Director  
National Wolfwatcher Coalition  
PO Box 102  
Ewen, MI 49925  
nancy@wolfwatcher.org

## David Mead

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**From:** Cath Petroskey  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 8:22 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** FW: killing wolves

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**From:** [coolmtnman@verizon.net](mailto:coolmtnman@verizon.net) [mailto:[coolmtnman@verizon.net](mailto:coolmtnman@verizon.net)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 7:33 PM  
**To:** Cath Petroskey  
**Subject:** killing wolves

The wolf is a rare and beautiful animal and should not be killed.

Orv Lehman Linville VA 540-560-4847



## David Mead

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**From:** Cath Petroskey  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 8:11 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** FW: Wolf "Management" Plan (AKA mass wolf slaughter)

**From:** Janet Hoben [<mailto:janethoben@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 4:58 PM  
**To:** Cath Petroskey; Rep. Kevin Daley (District 82)  
**Subject:** Wolf "Management" Plan (AKA mass wolf slaughter)

Although I do not reside in Michigan, I do have family there and have visited there. Here in California, we recently welcomed our first wolf (OR7) in nearly 90 years. I am a member of various wildlife centers and groups, including the California Wolf Center.

The National Wolfwatcher Coalition, which I am also a member of, opposes SB 996 and asks that SB 996 be rejected. It is not necessary. The approved Wolf Management Plan already allows for compensation to producers, at fair market value, for livestock injured or killed by wolves.

We do not support compensation for missing livestock, especially considering the weak documentation outlined in Senate Bill 996 which allows for payment with simply a notarized statement from the owner that, "1 or more animals are missing and eligible for indemnification." Senate Bill 996 implies that the owner makes his own determination; verifies his own loss and isn't even required to submit photos to support the claim.

Under SB 996, a producer can receive compensation for missing livestock if there is a history of losses due to the death or injury of livestock from wolves. A past history of losses by wolves is not conclusive evidence that wolves are responsible for missing livestock, especially considering wolves responsible for depredation can now be killed.

Section 6.10.1 of the MI Wolf Management Plan states "...at least 27% of the wolf-depredation complaints submitted by Michigan residents in 2004 were prompted by depredation that were actually caused by dogs or coyotes. Another 23% of the alleged wolf-depredation events reported in 2004 could not be attributed to a specific cause because the available physical evidence was insufficient."

In these cases the producers had a dead/missing animal and still they erroneously blamed the wolf 27% of the time.

Livestock, domestic animals and pets die for many unexplained reasons other than predatory depredation and they can and do go missing for reasons other than wolves, cougar and coyotes. Some missing livestock even return home, unharmed.

Predators often consume animals that die of natural causes without actually being responsible for their death. Larger raptors (great-horned owl, red-tail hawk, bald eagle) have also been known to kill livestock. Eagles have been documented killing lambs and there has even been an occurrence of raven causing problems with new born lamb calves.

Therefore, it is critical that a trained specialist investigate any depredation or missing livestock alleged to have been caused by wolves, coyotes or cougar. It is equally critical that as part of the verification process the owner must allow access to the property if they wish to claim indemnification.

Any legislation must be based on facts not emotion or fears and must not be a drain on taxpayers. This bill is not necessary. It will cost the state money we do not have and creates an atmosphere for fraud and deception at taxpayer expense.

The National Wolfwatcher Coalition also opposes SB 1350 and HB 5834. With only 700 wolves in the U.P., the population is still fragile. The need to manage wolves is self created and self justifying and is merely an excuse to kill wolves. Research shows that wolves self-regulate by prey availability and pack interactions.

There is no scientific evidence or peer reviewed research that indicates there is a need for a recreational wolf hunting season in Michigan.

Chapter 6.12.1 of the approved Wolf Management Plan states that reducing wolf numbers in areas with a high density of wolves will be considered when it is determined that problems could not be resolved through non-lethal or individual lethal methods. The plan acknowledges a situation of this type has not occurred in Michigan.

No wolf has threatened or harmed anyone in Michigan. DNR has the authority to remove wolves that have become habituated to people, further minimizing any potential risk to humans.

The MI DNR has the authority to remove wolves responsible for depredation as well as issue landowner permits. Both livestock producers and dog owners have the authority to kill a wolf in the act of attacking their livestock or dog. Livestock producers are compensated for their losses. There is funding available for non-lethal measures to minimize depredations. There is no evidence that wolves are decimating deer populations. By eliminating the sick, injured, weak, strengthen the deer herd. Research indicates wolves may eliminate diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease. The penalty for illegally killing a wolf should be elevated to that for illegally killing a moose (\$1000-\$5000).

Human tolerance towards wolves has not improved in any state where wolf hunting is allowed.

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*Janet Hoben, MS, MBA*  
*1724 Peyton Ave #G*  
*Burbank, CA 91504-3646*  
*213-248-8998*

## David Mead

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**From:** Cath Petroskey  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 8:01 AM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** FW: senate bill 1350 and 996

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**From:** Leslie Cochran [<mailto:cochran2@roadrunner.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2012 1:14 PM  
**To:** Cath Petroskey  
**Cc:** Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** senate bill 1350 and 996

Dear David Mead and Frank Foster,

I am not a Michigan resident, but I am originally from Wisconsin and have had many wonderful trips to Michigan and I use products that originate in Michigan. Please do not let this happen to this beautiful, soulful species - very much unfairly maligned and blamed. Please help work to overturn these bills and not let them become law.

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Thank you,  
Leslie Cochran

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12/2/2012

Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor

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Catherine Tingley,

28 Kirks Court

Rochester Hills, Michigan  
48309

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48309

## David Mead

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**From:** Norvie Bullock <norvieb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 8:00 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Cc:** Norvie Bullock  
**Subject:** WOLVES

PLEASE do be kind...  
to these noble creatures.  
thank You. n. bullock

## David Mead

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**From:** Terry Miesle <teror.teror@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 7:43 PM  
**To:** David Mead; Rep. Frank Foster  
**Subject:** SB 1350 / HB 5834

Hello.

Please don't follow down the path of wolf slaughter we've seen out West. I'd like to think in the Midwest we have more sense, pay more attention to science and have more respect for our environment. We're trying to make the Great Lakes are more complete, more whole and more environmentally responsible in so many ways, this potential wolf mismanagement is frankly disturbing. We need to realize the predators fulfill a role hunters never will, and welcome that.

I grew up in Ohio, live in Illinois, and have been pretty much everywhere in the Great Lakes region, it's part of who I am - and I'm sure you think the same way, which is why you really must oppose this wolf hunting. The motivation is not any sort of management or protection, it's simply hunters who want to kill predators. It's wrong-headed and needs to be called what it is.

Thanks for listening.  
Terry Miesle  
112 Barrington Ave  
East Dundee, IL 60118  
847-426-6198



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**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 7:37 PM  
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## David Mead

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**From:** Carlos Hernandez <downtown60@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 6:45 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Protect the wolves

Dear Mr. Mead:

As a resident of Puerto Rico and son of Dr. Luis G. Hernandez (class of 1914 University of Michigan in Ann Arbor) I respectfully pray and ask you to do everything in your power to protect the wolves that may be in your territory. It is really a shame that in other northern states, wolves are being slaughtered with no scientific basis and disregarding the fact that, as natural predators, they maintain an ecological balance.

Thank you very much Sir, and God Bless.

Carlos Hernandez, Esq. retired  
P. O. Box 250457  
Aguadilla, P. R. 00604  
[downtown60@hotmail.com](mailto:downtown60@hotmail.com)

## David Mead

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**From:** Bud Adam <bud.5556@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 6:22 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Wolf welfare

I am writing in opposition to SB1350. Just because other states are hunting wolves does not make it right. Wolves are more often than not wrongfully blamed for anything from livestock loss to "you name it". With the wolf hunts underway in the west, it has been proven that those who hunt wolves do not care for the ones that should be protected. (yellowstone's wolves that drifted out of the park) Also in most cases the general public has opposed the hunts, yet we are ignored. Living in Ohio, the wolves of the midwest are important to me. I would love to take my grandchildren, someplace besides a zoo. Hunting wolves will not bring us out of the dark ages...looking at reality and saving wolves and other wildlife will.

## David Mead

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**From:** Hachard <dahachard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 6:11 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Wolves

Dear Governor Mead,

Please protect the wolves in your state from any more hunting until studies are conducted regarding the impact it have on the wolf population.

I understand that ranchers see the wolf as a predator attacking their livestock but there are means of coexisting with this species buy means of protecting the beards and flocks.

We must do better, as humans!

We can't just wipe out a species because it is in the way or it is just trying to exist with us.

They are important to the ecosystem.

You have a beautiful state, please keep wolves as part of the balance.

Thank you and sincerely,

Anita Hachard

Sent from my iPad

## David Mead

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**From:** JWSnowyPlains@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2012 10:04 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** TO: House Cmte. on Natural Resources, etc.; RE: Vote NO on HR5834 / SB1350

Mr. Mead, please share our following letter with all members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation. Thank you,

Jacqueline and James Winkowski, 270 Flodin Road, Gwinn, MI 49841 - 906-249-1011

TO: House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee

Dear Committee Members:

We are lifelong residents of the Upper Peninsula, and we strongly oppose HR 5834 (as well as SB 1350--passed in the Senate 11-29-2012). Please vote NO.

Having encountered wolves on several occasions in this region during the past 20 years while hiking and dog sledding and near our home, we speak from personal experience. Neither of us has ever felt threatened by wolves. Wolves have never threatened our dogs. It has been a delight to see a wolf, and we know more U.P. residents who think this way than not.

There is no scientific need for a wolf hunt in Michigan. They are already being managed sufficiently: law in effect since January 2012 allows livestock and pet owners to kill a wolf in the act of attacking their animal(s), and farmers are issued landowner permits. It has always been legal to kill a wolf threatening human life. To allow the random killing of wolves would be disruptive to the social order of packs and likely result in more problem wolves. Many people (U.P. residents included) are excited to see wolf tracks and sign and, if fortunate enough, with a rare glimpse of a wolf. It's animal that generally avoids people and is not aggressive toward humans.

Stories and photos of slaughtered wolves from the current MN and WI wolf hunts, as well as those in the Western States, are being celebrated by some, but to most people, they are shocking, tragic and disgusting. Please allow Michigan to remain a place where wolves can be enjoyed by wildlife watchers from Michigan and throughout the United States who, absent a wolf hunt, will choose to spend their vacations and tourism dollars here more than ever.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline and James Winkowski, 270 Flodin Road, Gwinn, MI 49841 - 906-249-1011

**David Mead**

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**From:** William McMullin <william@mcmullin.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2012 8:58 PM  
**To:** David Mead  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 5834

Dear House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee,

Please vote "no" on HB 5834 in committee. Wolves are not recovered yet. They are not harming deer. In fact, according to the DNR, the deer population has increased in the U.P. The DNR's own wolf roundtable report even opposes lethal control of wolves in the state. There is simply no scientific justification to allow a wolf hunt in Michigan.

Thank you.

William McMullin